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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Weekly Report to the Board on Far Eastern
Photographic Coverage by Chairman, COMIREX

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REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184),
13 September 1965,
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19 January 1966,
c. USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207),
4 March 1966,
d. Memorandum to Holders of USIB-D-
41.14/308 (COMOR-D-25/220),
23 May 1967,

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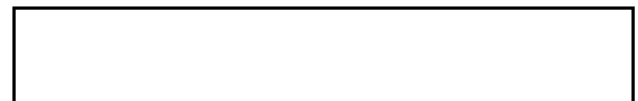
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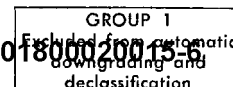
1. The attached memorandum on the subject from the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), is circulated for Board consideration of the recommendations in paragraph 4.

2. Based on a review of present requirements in the references in perspective of the need for reporting thereon, COMIREX recommends a revised procedure for reporting on photographic coverage obtained of South China, North Vietnam, targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border and the Sino-Indian border. This proposed procedure would involve the discontinuance of the weekly report previously directed by the Board's action in reference a.

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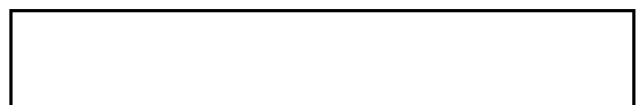
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3. Board Members are requested to advise the Secretariat not later than close of business Thursday, 30 November, of their concurrence in or other views on the recommendations in paragraph 4 of the attached memorandum. 25X1A

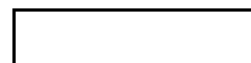


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1. Based on priorities established by the Board between September 1965 and May 1967 (see references a, b, c, and d) a weekly report has been submitted to the Board by Chairman, COMIREX on photographic coverage obtained of South China, North Vietnam, targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border and the Sino-Indian border. COMIREX has reviewed present requirements in perspective of the need for reporting and a revised procedure is recommended in paragraph 4.

2. At this time COMIREX notes as follows with regard to the need for the frequency of reporting on various areas included in photographic reconnaissance requirements for the Far East:

a. The Sino-Indian border is targeted only for satellite coverage so weekly reporting has little meaning.

b. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border have been changed considerably since 13 September 1965 and those of pertinence to the area are covered on a priority basis but not on a weekly basis.

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c. South China and North Vietnam continue to receive priority attention with requirements ranging from a need for almost daily coverage to coverage approximately once a month.

d. North Korea is not included in the present report to USIB but has recently been receiving priority attention and COMIREX is keeping a close watch on the photographic coverage obtained.

3. COMIREX concludes that it should be its continuing responsibility to maintain records on photographic coverage on the Far East so that the coverage obtained of the priority areas and priority targets can be reported out upon demand. COMIREX notes also that with regard to targets in areas which are not receiving priority attention it is reporting coverage in the monthly status report.

4. COMIREX recommends that:

a. The weekly report to USIB by Chairman, COMIREX on South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian border photographic reconnaissance (USIB-D-46.8/ and COMIREX-D-25.17/Series) be discontinued.

b. COMIREX be prepared to report on current photographic reconnaissance over priority areas and of priority targets on demand.

c. All areas having any priority interest will be reported on a monthly basis in the status report (USIB-D-46.9/ and COMIREX-D-72/Series).

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Chairman

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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